Trees

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And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food;

GENESIS 2:9a

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The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
Adam and Eve
Lesson Text: Genesis 2:16-17; Memory Verse: Romans 3:23

God created the world and everything in it, including Adam and Eve. God had a special place for Adam and Eve to live. This special place was called the Garden of Eden. God filled the garden with beautiful trees, good food, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told Adam and Eve that he wanted them to live in the garden and take care of it. God told them they could eat the fruit from every tree in the garden, except the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told them that the day they ate this fruit they would die. God didn't mean that Adam and Eve would immediately fall down and die, but that they would immediately be spiritually seperated from Him.

One day the serpent came to Eve and asked her if God had told them they could eat of every tree of the garden. Eve told the serpent they could eat from every tree except the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and if they did they would die. The serpent told Eve she wouldn't die if she ate the fruit from that tree, but she would become like God know ing good and evil. Eve looked at the fruit on the tree and she thought it looked very tasty. She also thought it would be wonderful to be wise like God. Eve believed the serpent and she picked some of the fruit from the tree. Then she took it to Adam, and both Adam and Eve ate from the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Now Adam and Eve realized what was right and wrong. They realized that they had become separated from God and they no longer lived a perfect life. They knew that by eating the fruit that they had disobeyed God. They had sinned. The next time God came to visit the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve hid from Him. God asked Adam where he was and Adam said he was hiding. God wanted to know why Adam was hiding and if he had eaten from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam told God that Eve had brought him the fruit from the tree and they had eaten the fruit. Eve told God that the serpent had tricked her into eating the fruit. Adam blamed Eve and Eve blames the serpent for their sins. God was displeased that Adam and Eve hadn't listened to Him. He told them they had to leave the Garden of Eden. Because of what they had done they were going to have to farm the ground for their food and make their own clothes.

Just like Adam and Eve, we all do things that hurt God. Thankfully God still loves us, and he made a way that we can be forgiven for the things that we do wrong.

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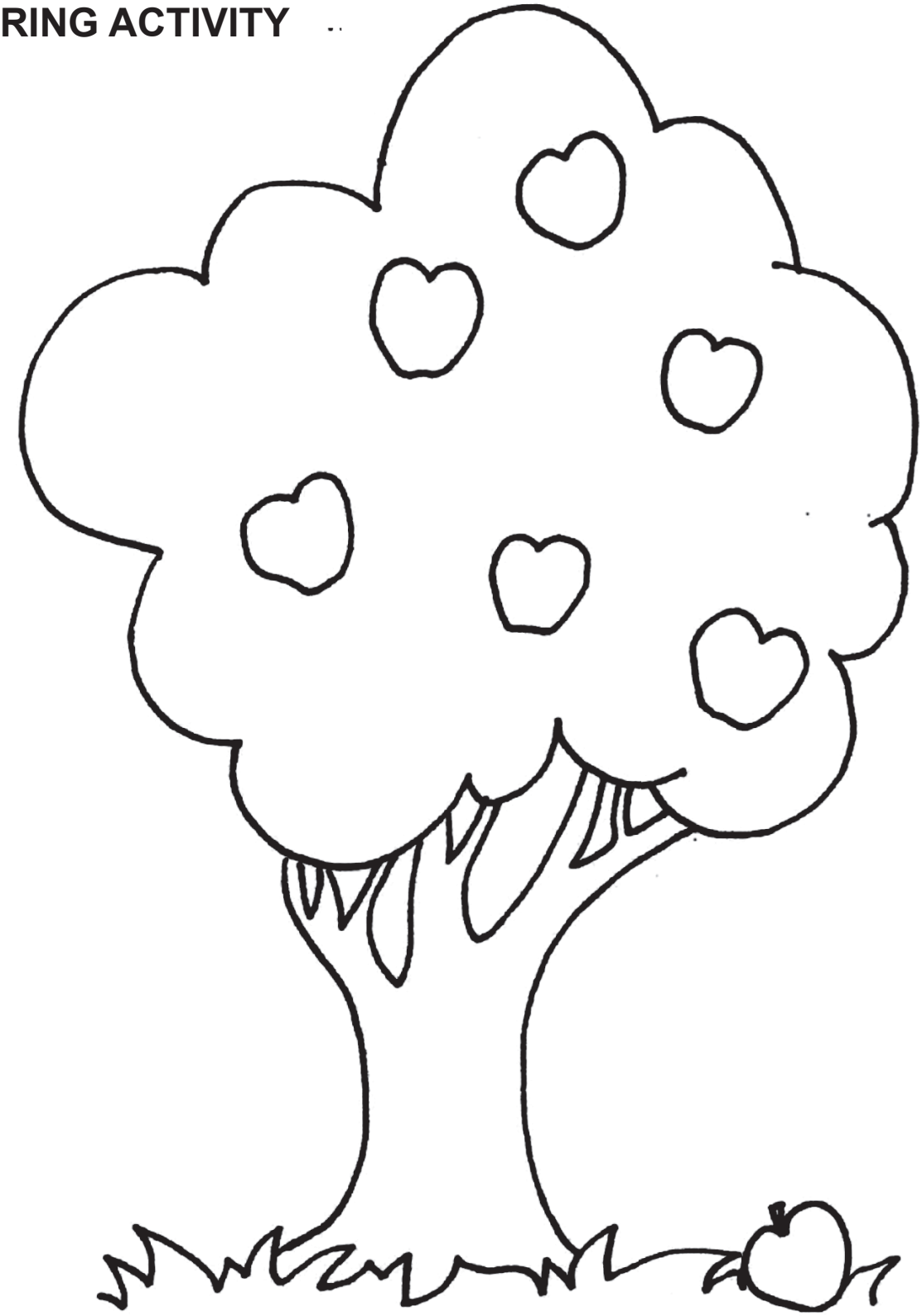
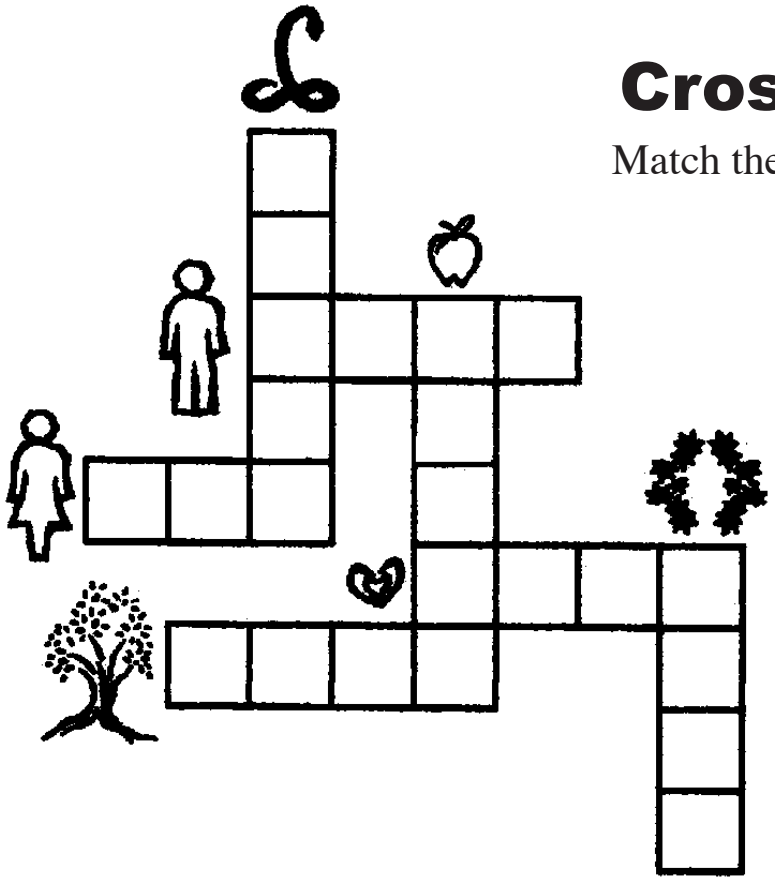


In the center of the Garden of Eden was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam and Eve they could eat anything in the whole garden except the fruit that was growing on that one tree.



Crossword Puzzle

Match the Word below with the picture to fill in the blanks.

Word List

- **Adam**
- **Apple**
- **Eden**
- **Eve**
- **Love**
- **Snake**
- **Tree**

Word Search

Find the following words in the word puzzle.

ADAM
AFRAID
CHERUBIM
CUNNING
CURSED
DIE
EAT
EVE
EVIL
FRUIT
GARDEN
GOD
GOOD
HID
KNOWLEDGE
PROMISE
SERPENT
SAME
SIN
TREE
TUNICS
WISDOM
WOMAN

C W E T D E Y T D H A T N E I
T X R V O V N O K N U T G M H
Q E V G I E G N A N E I D A M
E T L A P L O M I B U R E H C
G F Y R U W O C G N S I S S L
A N E D L W S P O B T I G D V
T S I E D Y N U O D A I N I I
T P D N G W R T D P P G U X R
B G C Y N Q H C L Q W E V R I
E C M U E U U C M O D S I W F
H I D L R O C X K B P I S N H
J A X J U S D N V I W M T R P
A F R A I D E R A V R O E A U
B L X V M B A D A M Q R A A E
H M B M J D X U D F S P K P A

The Cross
Jesus
Lesson Text: 1 Peter 2:24; Memory Verse: Acts 5:30

Jesus is God's Son. He was born more than 2,000 years ago. Jesus came to teach us about God and His love for us. Some of the people didn't believe Jesus and they wanted him to stop preaching about God. These people were called the Pharisees; they were Jewish priests.

The Pharisees had a meeting and decided that they needed to arrest Jesus. Once they arrested Jesus they brought Him before Pilate, the Roman who ruled over this area. Pilate asked Jesus many questions; one was if Jesus was the King of the Jews. Jesus responded, "Thou sayest it." The priests claimed many things about Jesus, but he didn't answer them. Pilate said he couldn't find anything wrong with Jesus. It was tradition that Pilate would release one prisoner. He asked if they wanted Jesus released or Barabbas. Barabbas was a criminal who had committed multiple crimes. The people said that they wanted to have Barabbas released and Jesus crucified. The soldiers led Jesus away into another room. Here they made fun of Him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" The soldiers were being mean and didn't believe that Jesus was God's Son. They put purple robes on Jesus (this was a color that meant you were royalty) and made a crown of thorns to put on His head. The soldiers hit and spit on Jesus. After the soldiers were done mocking (making fun of) Jesus they took off the purple robe and put His clothes back on Him.

Jesus had to carry His own cross up a hill called Golgotha, with help from a man they got from the crowd. The cross was very heavy and hard to carry. When Jesus reached the place He was to be crucified, the soldiers nailed Him to the cross. When Jesus was thirsty he was given sour vinegar to drink. The crowd continued to be mean to Jesus and mock Him. The soldiers cast lots (gambled) for Jesus's clothes to see who got his outer garments.

There were two other people on crosses next to Jesus. Both of the men were thieves and had stolen things from other people, but Jesus had done nothing wrong. During the middle of the day while Jesus was on the cross the sky went dark. It looked like nighttime, but it was really day time. Finally, knowing His Father was satisfied, Jesus said, "It is finished." He hung His head and died. To confirm he was dead, they also stuck a spear into His side.

This may seem like a sad story, but it is the greatest story of all! Jesus died knowing that you and I would do things that are wrong. These wrong things are called sins. Jesus died for everybody's sins. He died so that when we ask God to forgive us, when we are truly sorry for what we have done, that we can be saved. When we are saved God forgives our sins and allows us to live in Heaven someday. All of this is possible because Jesus was willing to die on the cross for our wrong doings.

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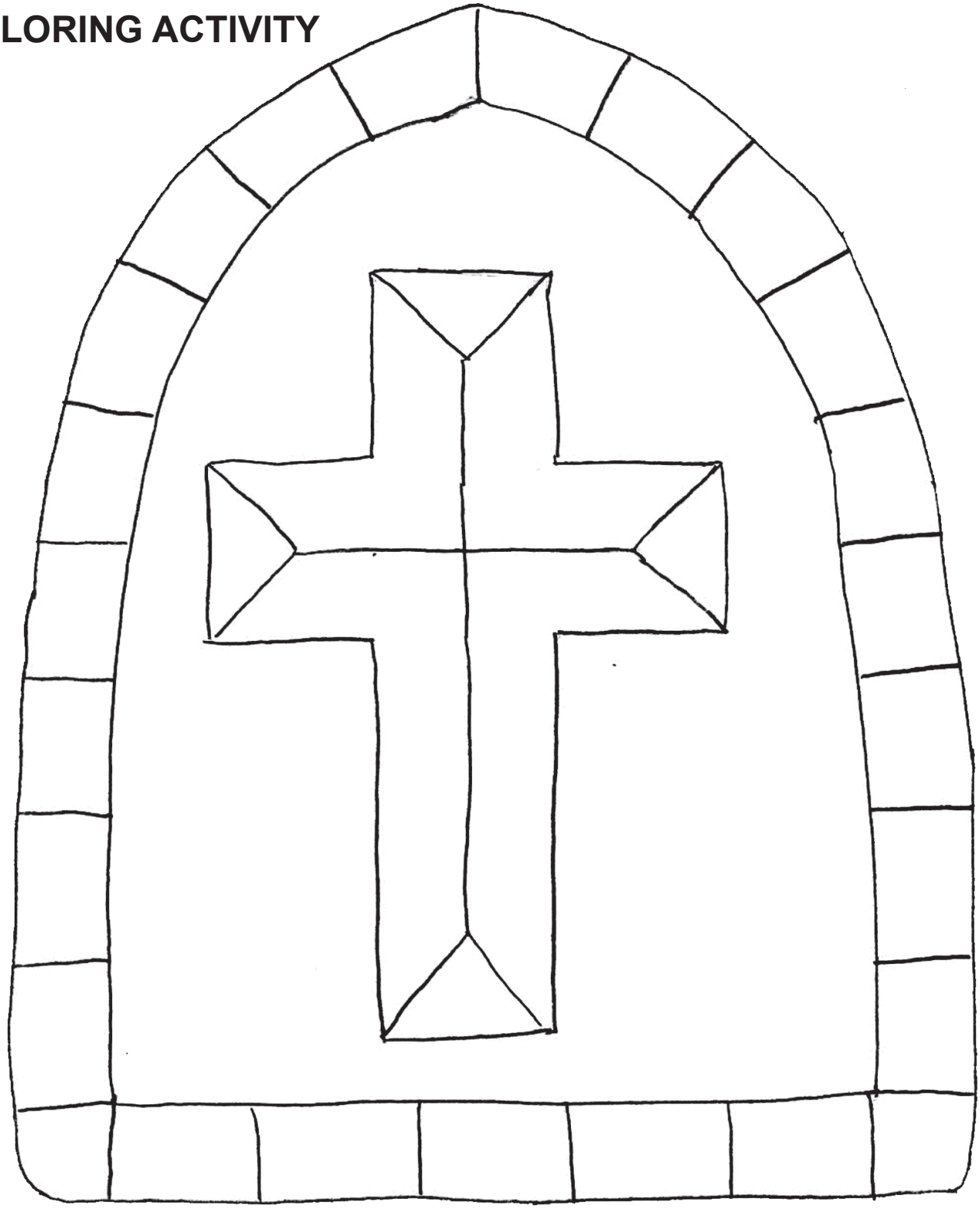

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Acts 5:30

The Ark of the Covenant
Moses
Lesson Text: Exodus 25:22; Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 4:5

After Moses and the Israelites left Egypt they needed laws to follow. God told Moses to go up into Mount Sinai and He would give him tables with the laws on them. These tablets had the Ten Commandments written on them.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol, graven image.
3. Do not take the Lord's name in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. Do not lie.
10. You shall not covet (want anything that belongs to someone else.)

God also told Moses to make a special box, the Ark of the Covenant. Moses was to make the box of shittim wood. It was 2 ½ cubits long, 1 ½ cubits wide, and 1 ½ cubits high (3 ft. 9 in. long, 2 ft. 3 in. wide and high). God told Moses to cover the box on the inside and the outside with gold. Moses was also to make a lid of gold to go on the top. There were 4 gold rings, one on each corner. Moses made wooden staves (poles) out of shittim wood and covered them with gold too. The staves were used to carry the Ark of the Covenant. On top of the box were two cherubims; they looked like angels. God told Moses to place the Ten Commandments into the Ark of the Covenant.

We may not have the original stone tablets that God gave to Moses, but we can try to live by the rules that God gave to Moses so long ago.

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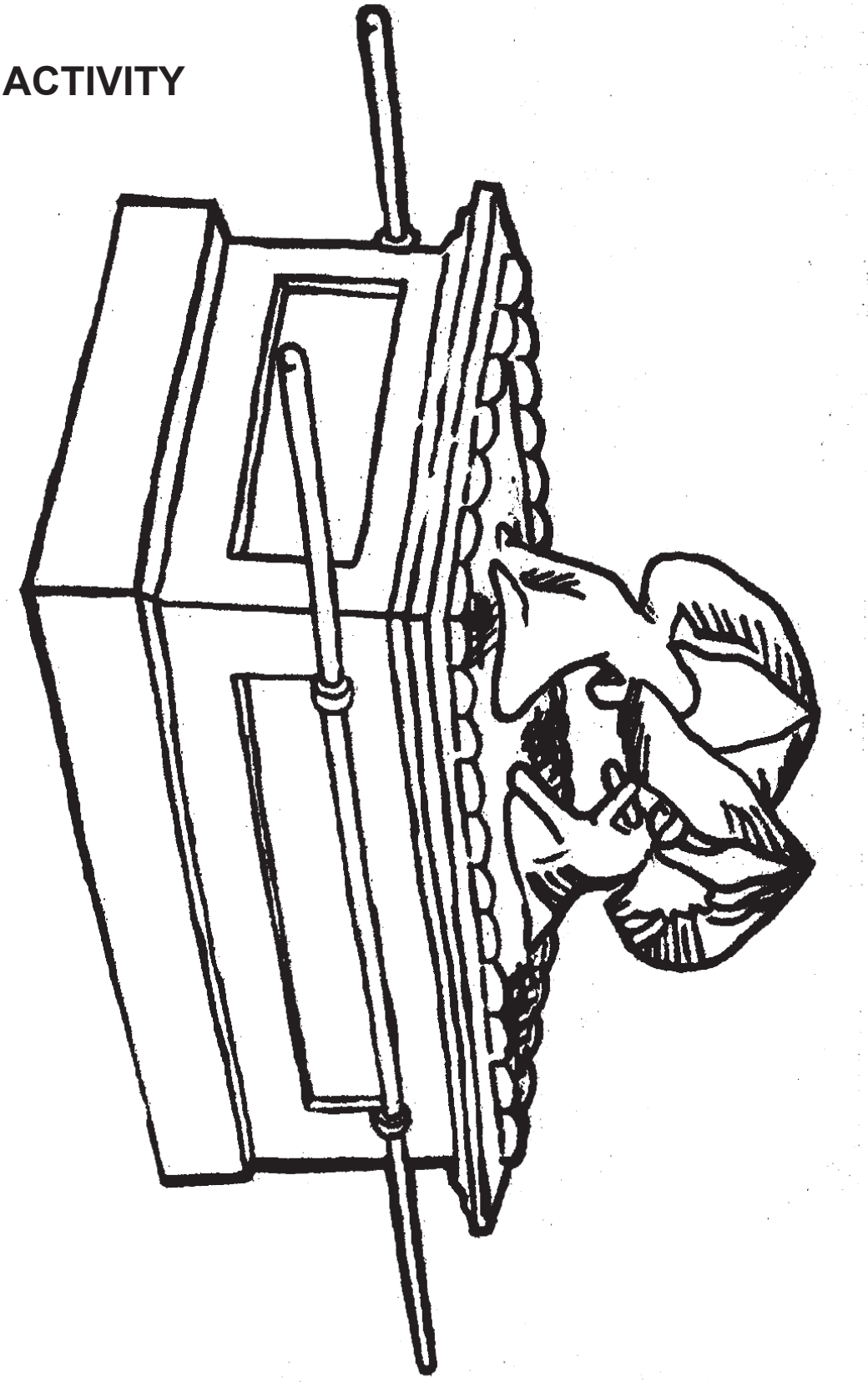
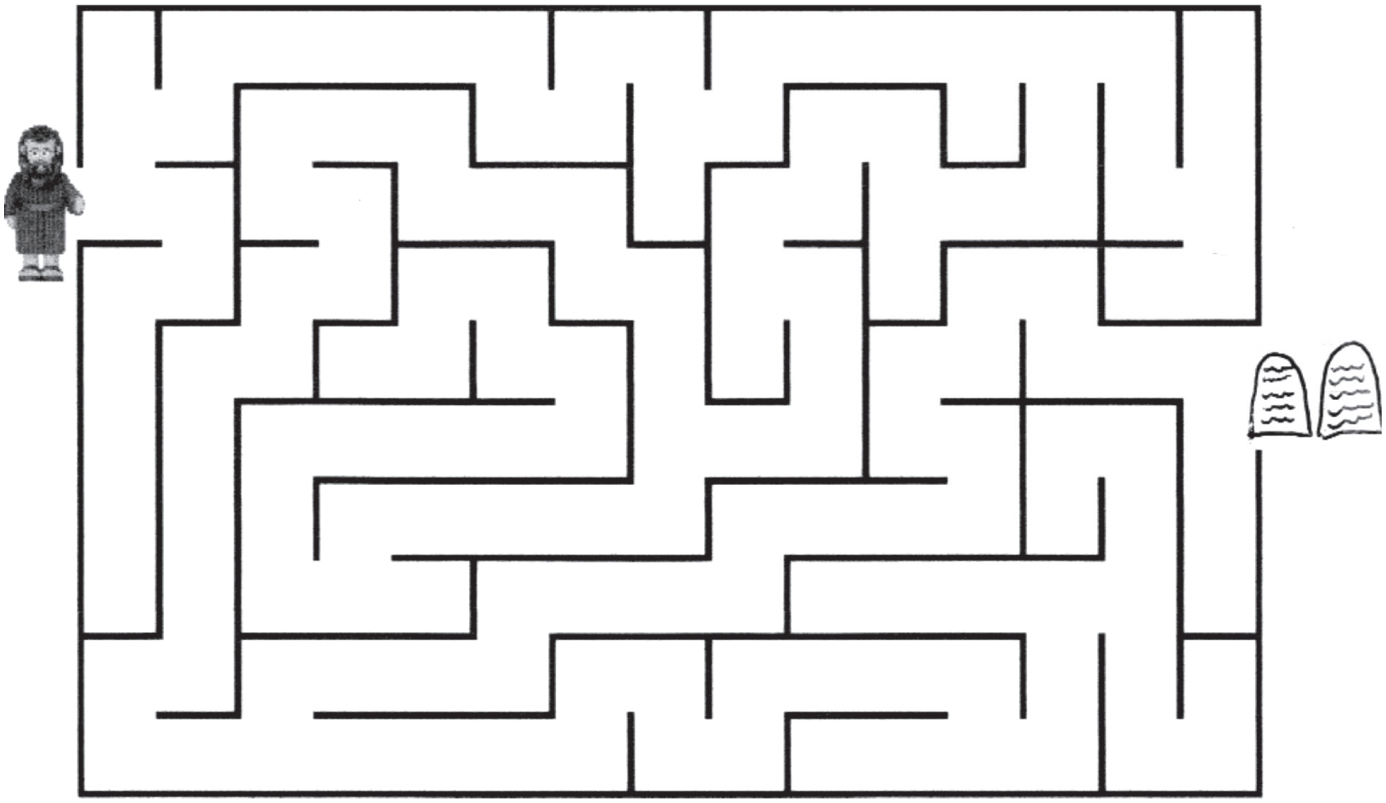


And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel. Exodus 25:22

Activity Page- The Ark of the Covenant

Help Moses Find the Ten Commandments



Ten Commandments

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3. Do not take the Lord's name in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy
5. Honor your father and mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. Do not lie
10. You shall not covet
    (Want something that belongs to someone else.)

Write the number of the Commandment in the blank in front of the meaning below.

__Use God's name only in ways that honor him.

__Worship God only. Don't worship things that other people make.

__Do not take what belongs to someone else.

__Love only your own husband or your own wife.

__Do not workship anyone or anything except me.

__Keep one day a week for God.

__Be satisfied with what you have.

__Do not lie about other people.

__Love and obey your parents.

The Cedars of Lebanon
King Solomon builds the Temple
Lesson Text: 1 Kings 6:7-10; Memory Verse: 1 Kings 6:9

King David loved God and wanted to build Him a beautiful temple. David spent a lot of time designing a wonderful temple for God. God told David that his son, Solomon, who would be the next king, would be the one to build the temple. Four years after Solomon became king he started building the temple for God. It took Solomon seven years to build the temple and he built it just like God wanted. Solomon used cedar wood to build the temple. He only used the best materials and the best craftsmen to build God's temple. Solomon wanted to show respect to God and so he kept the building quiet. To keep it quiet the builders couldn't use any hammers.

The temple was a rectangle and had three large areas. The first area was like a porch on the front of the temple. The second area was where they worshiped God. The thrid area was a private room called the Holy of Holies. Only the high priest could enter this room once a year. This is where God would meet with them. This room was beautiful and was lined with wood and gold. The Ark of the Covenant was placed in this room.

When the temple was finished Solomon had the priests dedicate the temple to God. They wanted to set the temple apart and show that it was a special place. When they put the Ark of the Covenant in the temple a cloud filled the room. This was the Lord's glory and showed that God was pleased and that He was in the holy place. Solomon went to the altar and kneeled down to pray to God and to thank Him for keeping His promises and for helping them build the temple.

Solomon's temple sounds like a beautiful place, but our church building is much like the temple. Our church building is a place just like the temple and we sometimes call it the House of God, because it is where we go to worship God. We also have an altar where we can go and pray to God to ask Him for help or to thank Him for the help He has given us.

COLORING ACTIVITY

So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar. I Kings 6:9

Fill In the Blank:

So he ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ the house, and ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ it; and covered the house with beams and boards of ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ .

I Kings 6:9

U K R A D Y B O F D A Z K J
J O X O C R Y L C Z R T Q L
C L T N A N E V O C T O P D
J C C L L X P G W K O L L J
T I H U T M B F K R A M E F
Y R E P P E T A B L E T S U
R B R P J A B R E V E R O F
A B U M N D E L L I F Z H L
U L B V Y V R A U M B Q B E
T L I H O L Y D P Y S M Z L
C E M P R I E S T S F C J P
N W C M L Y N O M O L O S M
A D C L O U D S L W C K N E
S G L O R Y P D S Q V R L T

ark
cherubim
cloud
covenant
dwell
filled
forever
glory
holy
lord
priests
sanctuary
Solomon
tablets
temple

The Palm
Jesus
Lesson Text: Revelation 7:9-10; Memory Verse: John 12:12-13

Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were walking to Jerusalem. As they got closer Jesus told two of His disciples where they could find a young donkey. He told them to untie the donkey and to bring it to Him. If anyone questioned what the disciples were doing, Jesus instructed them to say, “Because the Lord hath need of him”. When the disciples brought the donkey to Jesus, they placed their coats on its back so He could ride on the donkey. As Jesus and the disciples entered into Jerusalem many of the people in the city were excited to see Jesus coming. They took off their garments and laid them in the street. Other people cut down palm branches and laid them down for the donkey to walk on. The people went ahead of Jesus and behind Him. They were praising Him saying “Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest”.

The people wanted to praise Jesus for the miracles He had done. Some of the people didn’t want Jesus to come to Jerusalem. They asked Jesus to have the people to stop praising Him. Jesus told these people that if the crowd were quiet, then the rocks would cry out. Even the rocks knew Jesus was God.

We may not be able to lay down palm branches or sing Hosanna, but we can still praise God for the blessings he gives us. We have clothes to wear, food to eat, and a place to live. Sometimes we only think of the “big” things that God does for us, and those are the things we end up praising Him for. Can you think of some of the ways we can praise God today? Can we sing songs in church? Or thank God in our prayers?

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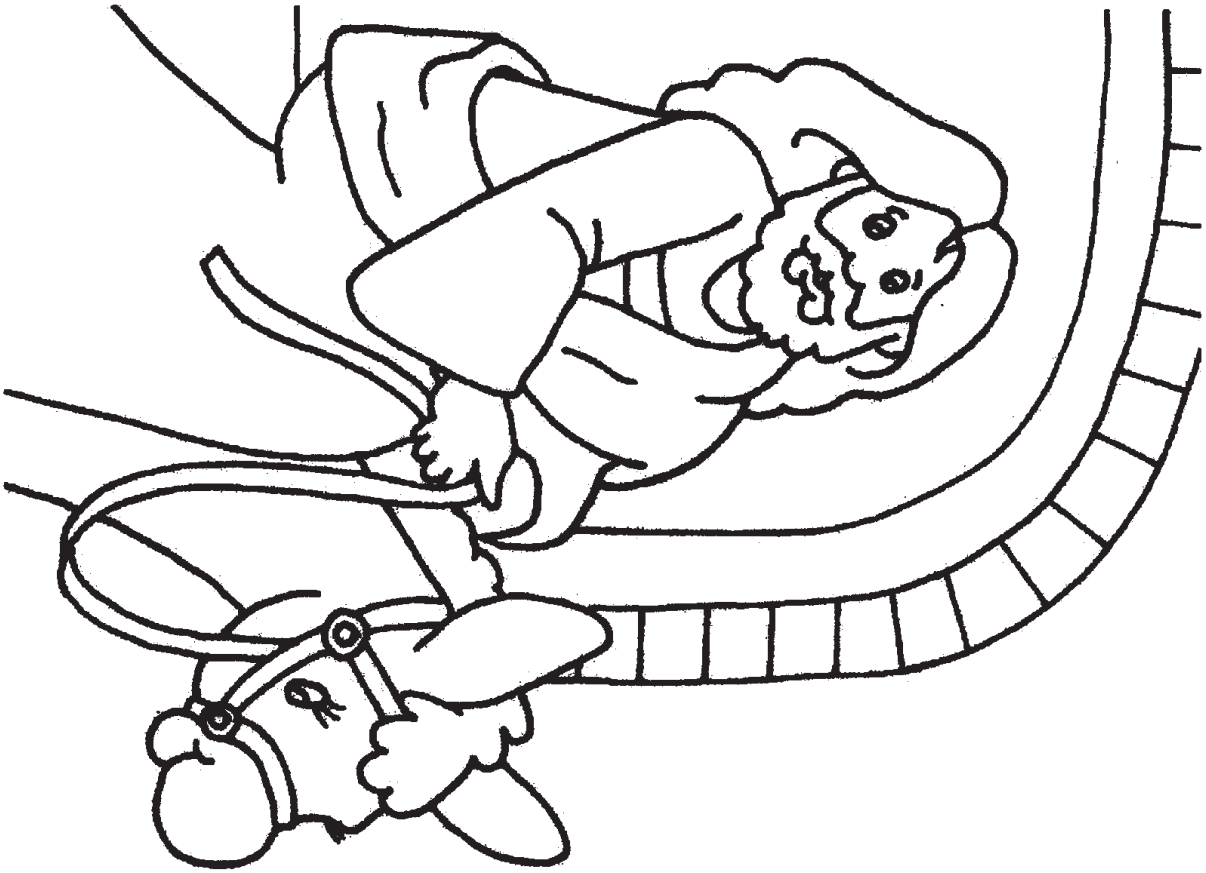


On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. John 12:12-13

Crossword Puzzle - Put the answers to the questions in the proper space provided below in the puzzle.

Across

1 What did the donkey do on the garments?

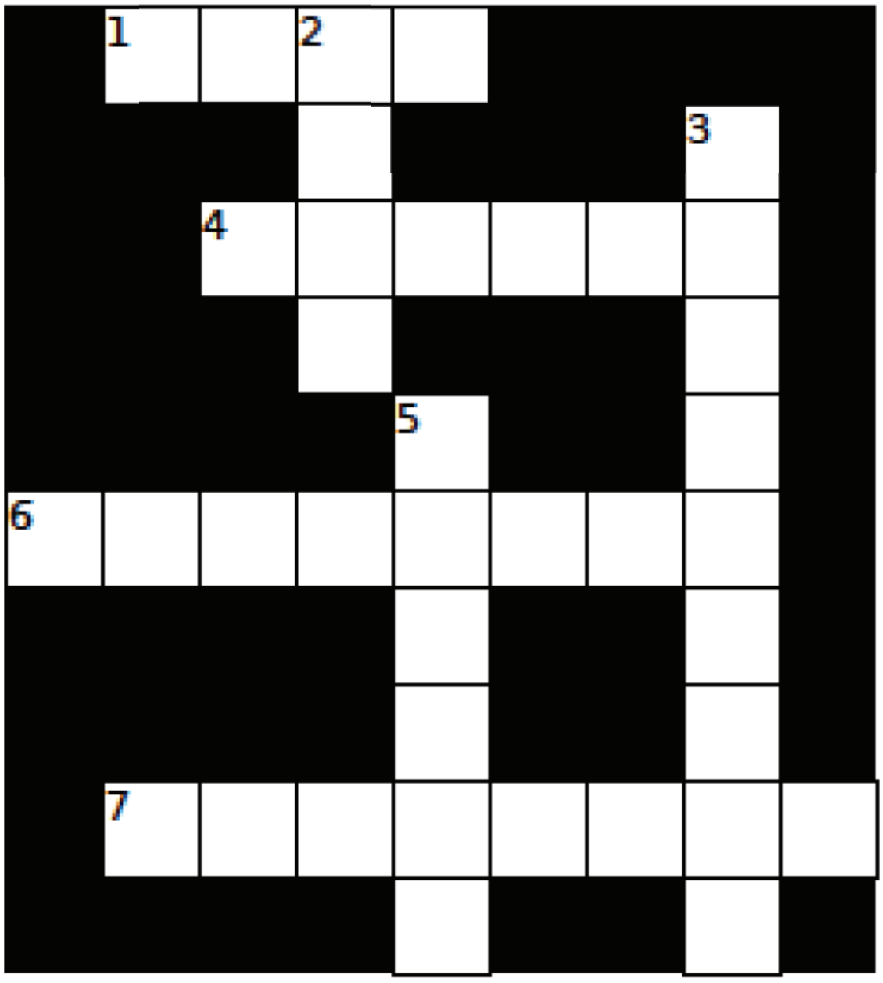
4 People wanted to ____Jesus for the miracles he had done.

6 What did the people spread in the streets?

7 What did the people cut down from the trees?

Down

2 The people said, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the ___?

3 The name of the city Jesus came into?

5 The people went ahead of and _____ Jesus on the streets.